GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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AIDS VACCINE
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of AIDS patients at present in the country;

(b) whether the scientists have found an AIDS vaccine and are confident of controlling the AIDS disease;

(c) whether during the International Congress on AIDS in Asia and the Pacific, it was informed that results from the most promising trial would be available in the month of November, 2001;

(d) if so, whether any trial has been conducted;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) the extent to which the vaccine has been found useful in controlling the AIDS?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) The total cumulative number of AIDS cases reported in the country till 30 Oct., 2001 is 29007.

(b) No, Sir. The Scientists have not yet found an AIDS vaccine.

(c) to (f) Yes, Sir. The results of the AIDSVAZ trial were to be available, however, an interim analysis of the available results of the vaccine (VaxGen AIDSVAZ) does not provide conclusive proof of its efficacy.Therefore, the study of the vaccine is to continue for another year till 2002.